

New Shoreham Deer Task Force
Tuesday, October 5, 2010
Town Hall, Old Town Road
7:30 p.m.

Present: Mary Sue Record, Becky Ballard, Bill Wilson, George Mellor, Maggie Komosinski, Pat Doyle.

Not Present: Chris Blane, Chris Blansfield, Paul Deane

Present in the audience: Bill Rader and Dan West from the Block Island Times.

Public Input:

Mr. Rader had some questions about hunting on Plat 1.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from September 21, 2010 were approved with changes in a motion by George Mellor and seconded by Becky Ballard.

Ayes 6 (Record, Ballard, Wilson, Mellor, Komosinski, Doyle)

Nays 0

Absent (Blane, Blansfield, Deane)

New Business:

- Proposal for 2-man hunting teams – Chris Blane: This item was tabled due to Mr. Blane's absence.

Old Business:

- Fish/Krause/Diuk-Wasser study – Bill Wilson reported that the CDC wanted a letter from the Deer Task Force supporting Yale in their research proposal. Mary Sue Record wrote a letter in support.
- Deer reduction plan –
 1. Legal opinion on liability – Mary Sue Record will ask First Warden Gaffett to ask the DEM for a statement from their legal department regarding liability. Bill Wilson asked that the Town Attorney Kathryn Merolla be contacted to for a statement.
 2. Status of conservation lands plan and other groups:
 - BIC – they are meeting this Saturday. They may address the proposal for 20/20.
 - TNC-Maggie Komosinski will keep in touch with them.
 - Boy Scouts – Mary Sue Record will check on them.
 - Fish and Wildlife – Nancy Dodge is meeting with Charlie Vandemoer.
- Last night's Town Council meeting – It was voted to open lands on Plat 1 Lot 16 for hunting on the same schedule as Plat 20 Lot 20. Also at that meeting it was voted to reimburse hunters for antlerless deer only.
- It was also discussed that there may be Lyme disease testing this weekend at the medical center. Dr. Krause usually attends this. Bill Wilson and George Mellor will try to get in touch with him.

- Hunters and Private Lands

Letters to Homeowners and access to information – Chris Blane and Becky Ballard will meet with Police Chief to ask about hunter's checking and out at the Police Station. They will also ask the Chief: under what circumstances can he deny someone hunting privileges? Mary Sue Record reported that she has had 6 email responses so far. Bill Wilson will do a write up for the access to information binder in the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Bill Wilson and seconded by Pat Doyle to have the letter to homeowners put in the Block Island Times using the funds that BIRA made available to the Task Force.

Ayes 6 (Record, Ballard, Wilson, Mellor, Komosinski, Doyle)

Nays 0

Absent (Blane, Blansfield, Deane)

- Use of Transfer station for carcass disposal for 2010-11 hunting season – Pat Doyle reported that she spoke to Sean McGarry and the transfer station was open to hunters from 8:00 to 2:30 every day.
- Report on Hunter Information night
This was discussed. Maggie Komosinski will work on a frequently asked questions from some of the questions generated during information night.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. in a motion by George Mellor and seconded by Pat Doyle and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan